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Fourth of July Wildland Fire Prevention

FAIRBANKS, Alaska— Interagency fire officials would like to remind you to be especially cautious with fire this weekend and through the Fourth of July holiday. Traditionally, new fires are ignited by recreational activities during Independence Day Weekend. Alaska has received wide-spread precipitation, but fuels dry out quickly.

The Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (which represents Federal, State and Native landowners in Alaska) asks the public to ensure that campfires are completely extinguished after use, that fireworks are used carefully and only where legal, and that burn permit restrictions are adhered to.

Please have a safe, happy holiday and enjoy your time outdoors.

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To report a wildland fire, call 911 or 1-800-237-3633. For current wildland fire information visit the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center website at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>. To obtain permitted burning information call your local Alaska Division of Forestry office or visit their website at: <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/burn>.